

On page 6, line 20, please insert a comma after "as."

On page 7, line 7, please delete "triton CG-110, triton XL-80N" and insert therefor

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A-Triton CG-110™, Triton XL-80N™A

On page 7, line 8, please delete "triton WR-1339" and insert therefor --Triton WR-1339™--.

On page 7, line 8, please delete "tert-octylphenoxy poly(oxyethylene) ethanol" and insert therefor *B7*
[tert-octylphenoxy poly(oxyethylene)ethanol]A✓

On page 7, line 9, please delete "IGEPAL" and insert therefor --IGEPAL™--.

On page 7, line 10, "polyethoxy ethanol" and insert therefor --polyethoxyethanol--.

On page 7, line 18, please insert --and-- after "R₄".

On page 8, line 4, please insert --are-- after "but".

On page 9, line 2, please delete "*infra*, at §" and insert --*supra*, at sections--.

On page 10, line 19, please delete the period after "used."

In the Claims:

In claim 2, line 1, please delete "1" and insert therefor --21 or 22--.

In claim 3, line 14, please delete "polyoxyethylenesorbitan" and insert therefor --polyoxyethylene sorbitan--.

In claim 3, line 14, please delete "Tween 20" and insert therefor --Tween 20™--.

In claim 4, line 2, please delete "octylphenoxy poly(oxyethylene) ethanol" and insert therefor --octylphenoxy poly(oxyethylene)ethanol--.

In claim 5, line 2, please delete "octylphenoxy(poly(oxyethylene))ethanol" and insert therefor --octylphenoxy poly(oxyethylene)ethanol--.

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In claim 7, line 1, please delete "1" and insert therefor --21 or 22--.

In claim 7, line 4, please insert --and-- after "R₄".

In claim 8, line 1, please delete "1" and insert therefor --22--.

In claim 10, line 1, please delete "1" and insert therefor --21 or 22--.

In claim 12, line 3, please delete "1" and insert therefor --21 or 22--.

In claim 13, line 4, please delete "1" and insert therefor --21 or 22--.

In claim 19, line 1, please delete "17" and insert therefor --18--.

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~~7~~ 6. (Amended) An RNA extraction reagent according to claim [1] ~~22~~¹, wherein said chelator is selected from the group consisting of sodium citrate, EDTA, EGTA, [sodium citrate,] a citric acid, a salicylic acid, [or a salt thereof] a salt of a salicylic acid, a tergitol, a phthalic acid, a 2,4-pentanedione, a histidine, a histidinol dihydrochloride, an 8-hydroxyquinoline, an 8-hydroxyquinoline citrate and an *o*-hydroxyquinone.

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~~12~~ 11. (Amended) An RNA extraction reagent according to claim ~~10~~¹¹, wherein said phenol stabilizer is at least one selected from the group consisting of hydroxyquinoline, 8-hydroxyquinoline, 8-hydroxyquinoline citrate, 2,5,7,8-tetramethyl-2-(4',8',12'-trimethyltridecyl)-6-chromanol, *p*-hydroxyquinone, *o*-hydroxyquinone, citric acid, [or a salt thereof] a salt of citric acid, salicylic acid, ascorbic acid, *p*-phenylenediamine and *n*-propylgallate.

Please cancel claim 1.

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